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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ROK 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA LAW

REF: SEOUL 3764

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER, DIRECTOR PAE OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OFFERED FURTHER INFORMAL COMMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF 12-MILE LIMIT LAW. HE SAID THAT AT PRESENT THE ROK HAD NOT DETERMINED STRAIGHT BASE LINES EXCEPT THOSE IN THE KOREA STRAIT AREA AS DEFINED IN PRESIDENTIAL DEGREE 8994 (REFTTEL). HE CONFIRMED THAT A FURTHER DECREE MIGHT BE ISSUED LATER IN THE YEAR ESTABLISHING STRAIGHT BASE LINES, PARTICULARLY ON THE DEEPLY INDENTED SOUTHERN AND WESTERN COASTS, AND THAT PRESENT THINKING WAS TO FOLLOW THE LINES SPECIFIED IN THE ROK-JAPAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT, BUT THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT ISSUANCE OF SUCH A FURTHER DECREE IN MID-JUNE BUT NOTHING FIRM HAD BEEN
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DECIDED. IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID, THE ROKG MIGHT ANNOUNCE SOME MAP COORDINATES THAT WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN CALCULATING THE 12-MILE LIMIT BASED ON THE LOW-WATER LINE. HE ADDED THAT IN ANY CASE THE ISSUE WOULD BE CLEARED UP BEFORE THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.

2. DURING DISCUSSION PAE OFFERED NO INDICATION THAT

ROK WAS CONTEMPLATING ESTABLISHING HIGH SEAS CHANNEL
THROUGH CHEJU STRAIT. REGARDING LOS CONFERENCE DISCUSSION
OF STRAITS REGIME, HE NOTED THAT MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED
BY OTHERS IN COMMITTEE II WITH REFERENCE TO ADVANCE NOTICE
REQUIREMENT AND THAT CHAIRMAN HAD INDICATED VARIOUS
COMMENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF ICNT. PAE
CONCLUDED WITH OBSERVATION THAT HE THOUGHT SUITABLE
COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE WORKED OUT.
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